



Highland Elementary School

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SCHOOL MISSION: 100% of our students will feel safe and supported as they grow academically and emotionally.

DRESS CODE: Students are expected to follow Dress Code outlined in the District's Guide to Student Success.

WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:

Apart from having a 120-year presence in the community and being a nationally recognized historic site, Highland Elementary School is a unique place filled with live and love for learning that is focused on our students.

SPECIALTY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/CURRICULUM:

Highland staff and students have embraced higher level thinking demands encouraged by the Ohio Learning Standards. This provides a clear, consistent guide of what students are expected to learn. The learning standards are robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting knowledge and skills our young people need for success in their futures. With students prepared for the future, our communities will be positioned to compete in the global economy.

Highland also has a highly accomplished reading program. We use a modern approach to reading literacy while incorporating the HMH reading series instruction. Classroom instructors use a blended approach adapted to students' academic needs. Primary students enjoy a rich, skill-based approach to literacy. This includes interactive read alouds, phonemic awareness skills building, phonics instruction, and vocabulary enhancement practices. Intermediate students use a theme-based approach to literacy using novels and informational texts to embrace Ohio's Learning Standards and experience complex texts. All of our students work on the ability to demonstrate comprehension of increasingly difficult texts through written response. Reading is taught for an uninterrupted 90 minute block.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Michelle Deime, *Principal*

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/SPORTS:

At Highland, student leadership is celebrated and encouraged. We host a yearly STEM and literacy night, quarterly awards assemblies, Children's Hospital Mobile Units, and much more to create a bustling, thriving student environment.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES:

Family engagement is critical to develop a healthy community of learners. Monthly events include lunches with our learners and other workshops based on the needs of our families. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to interact with the school to support student achievement. To assure school safety, all visitors are required to show ID and register their presence at our front desk.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Highland has a rich history. Our 120 year presence in the Hilltop has brought about many strong partnerships. These include Cardinal Health, The Ohio State University, Highland Community Garden, The Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the DOWD Center, Community for New Direction, Hilltop Lutheran Church, and Nationwide Children's Hospital. All of these trusted partners work in tandem with Highland to ensure student success.